Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Original) In the production of a porous body containing a fibrous apatite/collagen composite by gelating a dispersion comprising said fibrous apatite/collagen composite, collagen and water, freeze-drying the resultant gel to form a porous body, and cross-linking collagen in said porous body by the solidification time of said gel in said freezing step.
- 2. (Original) The method for controlling the average pore diameter according to claim 1, wherein the solidification time of said gel is controlled by a temperature at which said gel is kept for freezing.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method for controlling the average pore diameter according to claim 1, wherein the temperature for keeping said gel for freezing is -100°C to 0°C.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method for controlling the average pore diameter according to claim <u>2</u> <u>1</u>, wherein the temperature for keeping said gel for freezing is -100°C to 0°C.